

hours, a long cold, a convalescence, during which my constantly re-awakened curiosities will lie at rest; during which my sole care will be to rediscover myself.

For the last two months I have not enjoyed a single moment of monologue. I am not even egotistical any longer. I am not even any longer, Lost, on the day when I began my hook....

RULE OF CONDUCT

First point: Necessity for a rule.

2. Morals consist in establishing a hierarchy among things and in using the lesser to obtain the greater. This is an ideal strategy.

3. Never lose sight of the end. Never prefer the means.

4. Look upon oneself as a means; hence never prefer oneself to the chosen end, to the work.

(At this point a blank space in which the question arises as to the choice of the work, and the free choice of that work. To manifest. And yet... Can one choose?)

Thinking of one's salvation: egotism.

The hero must not even think of his salvation. He has voluntarily and *fatally* consecrated himself, unto damnation, for the sake of others; in order to manifest.

RULE OF CONDUCT

Pay no attention to *appearing*. Being is alone

important.

And do not long, through vanity, for a too hasty
manifestation of
one's essence.

Whence: do not seek to *be* through the vain desire
to *appear*; but
rather because it is *fitting* to be so,